

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 1
SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard,
St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 1 during second quarter 2003 was 603,220, an increase of 1.7% from the first quarter 2003, and an increase of 0.1% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 17 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 15.1% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 15. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 1 with 78,963 employees, or 13.1% of total employment. Orleans was the leading parish with 253,523 employees, or 42.0% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.8% from the same period in 2002, and decreased 0.04% from the first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$620.12. St. Charles parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$797.04.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 1 is listed in the table below. Average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 1" beginning on page 18.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Jefferson	\$ 583.61
Orleans	659.23
Plaquemines	731.54
St. Bernard	541.20
St. Charles	797.04
St. James	675.04
St. John the Baptist	653.21
St. Tammany	508.62

The number of reporting units in RLMA 1 for second quarter 2003 was 36,868.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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